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## "Sage of Syracuse" To Address Graduates



One of the great teachers in higher education, Dr. T. V. Smith, professor of Poetry, Politics and Philosophy at Syracuse University, will deliver the spring commencement address at Northwestern State College on Tuesday, May 28, at 8:00 P. M.

One hundred eighty-seven seniors and graduate students are scheduled to receive degrees at graduation ceremonies in Fine Arts Auditorium that evening.

Now in the Maxwell Graduate School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse, where he has lectured to as many as 1,500 students in one semester, Professor Smith has an impressive background in formal education, teaching, and public service.

Born at Blanket, Texas, Dr. Smith attended the common schools of Texas, received his B. A. and M. A. Degrees from the University of Texas, and the Ph. D. degree from the University of Chicago. Honorary degrees were conferred on him by Florida Southern, Ohio State University at Miami, Union College at Schenec-

tady, Toledo University (three LL.D's and one Litt. D.), and the D. Humane Letters by Tulane University.

In the teaching field, he was the first Maxwell professor at Syracuse. He began his career as head of English Department, Texas Christian University, and has taught literature, philosophy or politics for thirty years, 25 of which were at University of Chicago. He has also taught at Universities of Texas, Illinois, Cornell, Columbia, and Barnard College.

His public service career covers activities in radio, politics, and military service. He is the founder of the University of Chicago Round Table, and CBS's book program, "Invitation to Learning," both of which he continues to serve. Also Dr. Smith has appeared on several national adult educational radio programs.

Politically, Dr. Smith served four years as State Senator in Illinois and as congressman from Illinois for two years.

In the military field he served

## Baton Rouge Alumni To Meet May 16

Alumni of Northwestern State College in the Baton Rouge area will hold their spring meeting on May 16 (Thursday) according to a letter received from Mr. Gaston England, president of the local group.

The meeting will be a picnic, featuring barbecued chicken, and will be held at the Lions Club Camp which is located across the Airline Highway in front of Belle-Monte Motor Hotel.

All alumni in the Baton Rouge area are urged to contact Mr. Gaston England, 3240 Pocahontas Street, or a member of the local committee. Watch the Baton Rouge papers for further announcements regarding the exact time of the meeting. It will be in the evening about 7:30 or 8:00 o'clock. (This is just a guess on the part of the editor, since that is the usual time of meeting.)

The Baton Rouge district is composed of the parishes of Pointe Coupee, Iberville, Ascension, East and West Baton Rouge, East and West Feliciana, St. Helena, Livingston, Tangipahoa, Washington, and St. Tammany.

Mr. England and his committees are endeavoring to complete a master list of the alumni membership in the Baton Rouge area. You can be of invaluable assistance in this project by sending your name and address to him if you have not attended a meeting in Baton Rouge.

Attending the meeting from the College will be President Kyser, Coach Jack Clayton, and Alumni Secretary Leroy Miller.

as a Pfc. in World War I, and as Lt. Colonel and Colonel in World War II. He was Military Governor in Sicily and Italy (in charge of Italian Education for the Allied Armies); Special Mission to England; Special democratizer for intellectual German P. O. W.'s; special education mission to Japan, to Germany and Austria for State and War Departments.

In the literary field, Dr. Smith was editor of magazine *Ethics*, an editor of *State Government*, and author of some twenty books.

His ambition is to deserve the title "The Sage of Syracuse."

## Retired Professor Dies

Professor Alvin Good, who served on the faculty at Northwestern State College for 32 years before retiring in 1952, passed away suddenly at his home in Natchitoches on March 21, about 6:15 P. M.

Mr. Good came to "Normal" in 1920 after having served as principal and teacher in high schools in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. Just prior to coming to Louisiana he was a member of the faculty of Hastings College, Nebraska.

A graduate of Kansas State Teachers College of Emporia in 1910, Mr. Good received the M. A. Degree at University of Colorado, 1917, and completed the residence requirements for the doctorate at University of Chicago in 1918.

In his field of teaching (Sociology) Mr. Good was primarily interested in Marriage and the Family, Sociology, and Education. He was author of a textbook, *Sociology and Education*, published by Harpers in 1926, that was widely used by colleges and universities.

He held membership in the Louisiana Teachers Association, National Education Association, the American Association of University Professors, American Sociological Society (of which he was a member of the Executive Committee), Louisiana Academy of Sciences, and other professional groups.

Mr. Good is survived by his wife and two daughters, Alvina Ruth (Mrs. John T. Hood, Lake Charles), and Ethel (Mrs. Ben H. Poyner, 339 Catalina Place, Corpus Christi, Texas). Mrs. Hood and Mrs. Poyner are both graduates of N. S. C., having received their degrees in 1933 and 1938, respectively.

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Second Lt. Robert Wilson, B. S. '56, of Alexandria, is now stationed in Maryland. His address is Box 535, S. O. D., Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. He is eager to hear from his school mates.

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## Demon Track Team – Out for Their Fifth Consecutive G. S. C. Championship



Pictured above is the 1957 Demon Track team, who are in quest of their fifth consecutive Gulf States Conference Championship.

Already tucked away for this season is the fifth straight win of the N. S. C. Relays, a meet which brought Coach Ledet's Demons in competition with track teams from Lamar Tech (second place winner), McNeese State (third place winner), Stephen F. Austin, and Southeastern, Southwestern, and

Northeast of the Gulf States Conference. All conference teams, with the exception of Louisiana Tech, participated in the Relays.

The Demons won eight first places and one tie for first, winning the meet by a good margin of points. The first places were in sprint medley, mile relay, 120-yard high hurdles, 220-yard low hurdles, broad jump, shot put, discus and javelin. The high jump resulted in a tie for first place.

Lamar Tech took first place in

100-yard dash, 220-yard dash, 440-yard relay, and 880-yard relay. McNeese took the distance races.

Childress, hurdler, and Jordan, dash runner, will not compete again until sprained muscles are healed. They hope to be ready for the last home meet and the G. S. C. meet at Ruston on May 18.

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Pfc. J. P. Self, B. S. '56, has recently returned from Germany and visited the campus while on leave. He will be stationed in Connecticut and may be reached at this address: Pfc. J. P. Self, 51176046, G. M. Bn., Manchester, Connecticut. His home address is New Boston, Texas.

James P. Russell, B. S. '39, formerly of Urania, is now living at 1190 Caflur Street, San Diego, California. Russell visited on the campus during a recent visit to his home state. He also visited Dudley Hillman of Lockport, an old school mate, while in Louisiana.

Robert L. "Red" Miller, B. S. '55, recently returned to Natchitoches after completing two years service in the A. A. A. at Fort Bliss. He is now working as a Chemist in research in New York

state. His address is 222 Lancaster Street, Albany, N. Y.

The *Gulf Coast Cattleman* recently featured Mrs. W. I. Brian (Mildred Whatley, ex '46) as the Louisiana Cow Belle President. Mr. Brian is president of the Louisiana Cattlemen's Association. Mr. and Mrs. Brian live in Alexandria (Mrs. Brian's home town) and they have one child, Elizabeth, who is six years old.

Mrs. Brian is very active in civic club work, being a member of the Mimosa Garden Club, Home Demonstration Club, Alexandria Service Club, and other organizations.

A letter from Mrs. Ray J. Robichaux (Ruth Hoehenedel, B. S. '43), 106 Morrison Avenue, Houma, states that she now has three children. They are Virginia, 8, Eunie, 5, and Edward, 2, and really keep her hopping.

Mr. Robichaux, a salesman for G. M. diesel engines, reports that he sees "Pug" Morris (DeRidder) who used to run "Pug's" place in Natchitoches.

Mrs. Robichaux writes: "We see Marie Jackson Barker and Elaine "Stooge" Carville every now and then, and have a gay old time talking."

Mrs. Elise Alleman Hughey is (Continued on page 3, col. 1)

Co-Captains Landry and Hennigan With Coach Ledet





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now teaching at Francis T. Nichols State College in Thibodaux. Mrs. Hughey, formerly of Napoleonville, received her degree from N. S. C. in the late twenties. She has five children, four of whom are with her. They are Edna Marie, 19, Joey, 14, Lisette, 11, Laurie, 10, and Camille Anne, who is in Mt. Carmel Novitiate in New Orleans. It was our pleasure to see Mrs. Hughey at the Louisiana Teachers Association meeting in New Orleans in November.

Miss Blanche Trezevant, A. B. '25, is now serving as Assistant Professor of English Education at Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida. Miss Trezevant was formerly Supervisor of English and Language Arts with the Louisiana Department of Education.

*Southern Accent*, the North Caddo High School paper, recently paid a glowing tribute to Mrs. Ola Hicks (Ola Johnson, B. S. '34). It stated, in part: "In the year 'when' from the campus of Belcher High School went a promising young senior into the portals at Northwestern State College at Natchitoches, Louisiana. Now this young lady set her sights on a career of teaching and, after graduation with honors from her chosen college, she took her first step towards this goal by teaching one year at Greenwood High School. During the next few years, some

of the various steps in her career included: Supervisor of student teaching at Northwestern, and several years as instructor of Commerce at Vivian High School. . . .

"In 1955 the pendulum swung again—in the direction of our own North Caddo High School—and to us came this talented teacher and advisor.

"Being sponsor of our yearbook, 'The Rebel,' put her in a class of her own and its completeness and beauty are due greatly to her efforts. . . .

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## Demon Gymnasts Did it Again — and Still Champions



The Demon Gymnasts, pictured above, continue their winning ways as they have won their last sixteen championship contests in succession. Since there are no gymnastic teams in the Gulf States Conference, their activity has been limited to contests with gymnastic teams in cities, and members of the Southwest Conference, along with teams from Kansas and Kansas State.

This season, the Gymnasts won their eighth consecutive Southern A. A. U. title at Jackson, Miss., piling up a tremendous score against all opposition. The Mid-South Gymnastic Tournament, held at Natchitoches, was won handily by the Demons against teams from Texas A. & M., Baylor University, and Kansas State. Texas University and Southern Illinois University had accepted invitations to be present but were unable to be here.

The Southwest A. A. U. Meet,

held in Dallas, was won by the Demon Gymnasts for the fourth consecutive time this season, as was the Gulf A. A. U. meet, which was held in Houston, Texas.

Coach John Piscopo is planning to widen the circle of his competition next year by staging meets with members of the Big Ten, Big Seven, and Missouri Valley Conferences, if such meets can be arranged. He must either go farther afield or else, the schools and colleges of the central south must develop an interest in gymnastic sports which has not been in evidence during the past eight or ten years.

The record of the Demon gymnasts has attracted students interested in gymnastics from all sections of the country, particularly in Louisiana, Arkansas, and Texas. An added attraction to gymnasts is the fact that it is now an inter-collegiate sport at N. S. C.

Sonny Martinez on the Rings



John Waldo Shows a Finger-Tip Balance





## Misses Jane, Diane and Susan Peek



Jane, Diane, and Susan are the three lovely daughters of Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Peek, 1937 Langwood Drive, Baton Rouge. Diane, center, is five years of age, and Jane and Susan are four-year-old twins.

Mrs. Peek is the former Louise Ford of Grand Cane. She received the Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics-Chemistry in 1934. She is very active in the Baton Rouge Alumni group and is an officer of the local unit.

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"Without further ado and fanfare we present with pride our Teacher of the Month, Mrs. Ola Hicks."

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Mrs. Robert Crider (Miss Beverly DeVilbiss, Nursing '51), of Roanoke, wrote: "First, let me say how much I enjoy the Alumni paper. My, but it brings back memories of a wonderful college life and a grand campus. Although I was on the campus for only one year, since I was in the Nursing 3-year program, I thoroughly loved and enjoyed my stay at old N. S. C. I graduated in 1954 (August) and now live in

Roanoke where we've just finished our new home. . . .

"We have two children, Ruth Ann, 1½ years, and a baby boy, Lee Norman."

Miss LINDA GAYLE JONES, A. B. '56, of Shreveport, and HAROLD LEON FORD, former student, of Bastrop, were married on April 19 at Kings Highway Christian Church of Shreveport, the Rev. William E. Wright officiating.

The young couple will make their home in Shreveport.

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Miss Barbara Graham Hankins, of Alachua, Florida, and Lt. (J. G.) WILLIAM FRANKLIN EDWARDS, U. S. N. R., former student, of Many and Jacksonville, Florida, were married on April

20, at First Baptist Church of Alachua, Fla.

The young couple will reside in Jacksonville, where the groom is attached to Fighter Sqdn. 62, Cecil Field.

## Births

Colonel and Mrs. Oris B. Johnson of 3221 Primrose Drive, Colorado Springs, Colo., have announced the arrival of a daughter, Judith Sue, on March 2. They say that Charles, 8½-year-old son, is perfectly delighted with Judy, and so are mother and daddy.

Colonel Johnson is stationed at Colorado Springs with the Air Force. Both he and Mrs. Johnson (Katherine Shaw of Ringgold) are graduates of the College.

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Mr. and Mrs. Grady F. Howell, 700 Dodd Drive, Shreveport, are happy to announce the arrival of a second daughter, Patrice, on March 31. Mr. Howell received his A. B. Degree in 1950 and is now employed as division manager for Tube-Kote, Inc., of Houston, Texas.

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Dr. and Mrs. Roy A. Cook, Confederate Memorial Hospital, Shreveport, announce the arrival of a daughter, Mary, on March 27. Dr. Cook, B. S. '19, finished his work at L. S. U. School of Medicine and has been Captain at Biggs Air Force Base, El Paso, Texas, for the past two years. Mrs. Cook is the former Mary Alice Barbour, ex-'19. She completed her work in medical technology at University of Arizona.

## Belinda and Bill Perkins



Belinda, age 8 months, and Bill, Jr., age two and one-half years, are the children of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Perkins, Box 492, Columbia. Mrs. Perkins is the former Bobbie Patterson of Bossier City. She received her B. S. Degree in Home Economics in January, 1954.

The young children and Mr. and Mrs. Perkins are enjoying their new home in Columbia.

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## Cupid's Doings

Miss JOHNNIE LOUISE FRAZIER, A. B. '56, of Winnfield, and GENE STRATTON PORTER, A. B. '56, of New Iberia, were married recently at First Baptist Church in Winnfield, with Rev. Glen Evans officiating at the double ring ceremony.

The bride is presently teaching in Lake Charles and the groom is working in New Iberia. Both are natives of Winnfield.

Miss REBECCA ELOISE CONLEY, former student, of Shreveport, and James Everett Webb, Jr., of Ruston, were married on March 7 at St. John's Catholic Church in Shreveport with Rev. Father A. B. Kearns officiating at the ceremony.

The newlyweds will make their home in Kingston, N. Y.

## 1st Lieutenant James Byron McCain



First Lt. James Byron McCain, B. Mus. Ed. '54, of Rosepine, is presently a member of the Fighter Interceptor Squadron, Stewart Air Force Base, New York.

McCain was commissioned Second Lt. from the R. O. T. C. at N. S. C., and took his training at Lockland Field, Texas, and Malden Air Force Base, Missouri. He received his silver wings at Greenville, Miss., on May 12, 1955.

Assigned to Perrin Air Force Base, Texas, McCain became a pilot of F-86 Sabre jets.

He is married to Gleneta Cross of Denison, Texas, and they now reside at Newburgh, N. Y.

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